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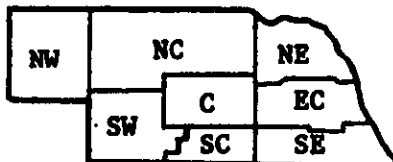
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WEATHER

The week was very cold and wintery. Snow fell several times during the week with amounts ranging from one to five inches. A quarter of an inch of water equivalents was common. Temperatures generally did not reach above the freezing mark. Average temperatures ranged from 21 to 35 degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Nebraska's corn harvest plodded forward slowly last week amid more snow flurries, freezing rain and sub-freezing temperatures. While snow and freezing rain have certainly slowed harvest progress, freezing temperatures have firmed the ground enough to allow harvest in areas that were too wet earlier this fall. Drying conditions continued to be less than desirable and some producers noticed an increase in field kernel moisture. Although completion of row crop harvest continued to be the foremost concern of most farmers, many turned their attention to other chores. Much time was spent on machinery and equipment repair and livestock care. Grain drying remained a time-consuming process and movement of grain to elevators and livestock to market was hampered periodically by blowing and drifting snow. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.9.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 2% short, 83% adequate and 15% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 4% short,

GENERAL (Cont.)

91% adequate and 5% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture was 23% short and 77% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 28% short and 72% adequate.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 12% fair, 74% good and 14% excellent.

Corn harvest moved forward to 90% complete, behind 99% last year and 98% average. Most progress was made in the central, east central and southeastern counties.

Sorghum harvest made slight progress to 99% complete, compared to 100% for both last year and the 5-year average. Effects of the late-September frost have shown up in lighter test weights in some fields.

Soybean harvest remained unchanged at 98%, compared to 100% for both last year and average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate to short with supplemental feeding continuing in areas with heavy snow cover. Producers in the north central counties and Panhandle where hay supplies were short faced decisions whether to sell cattle or buy hay. Some concern was expressed about high feed stocks usage this early into the winter.

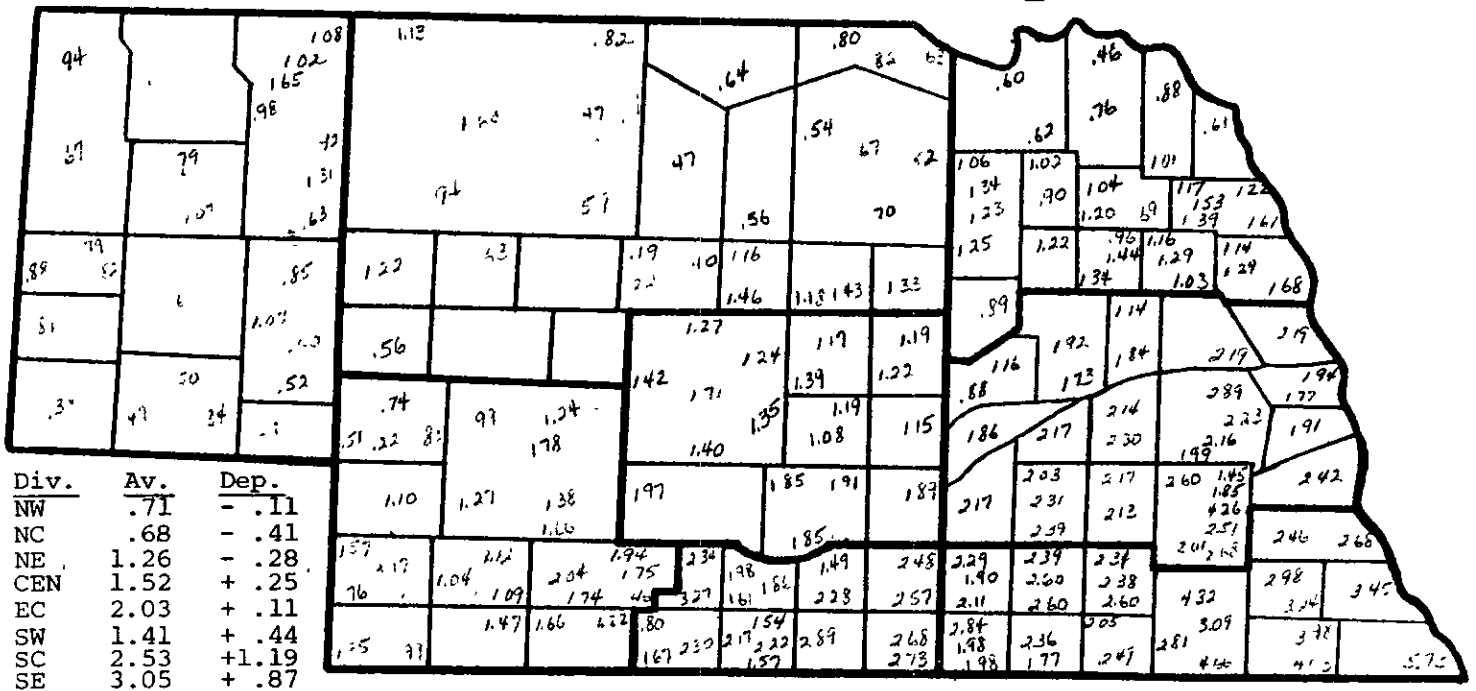
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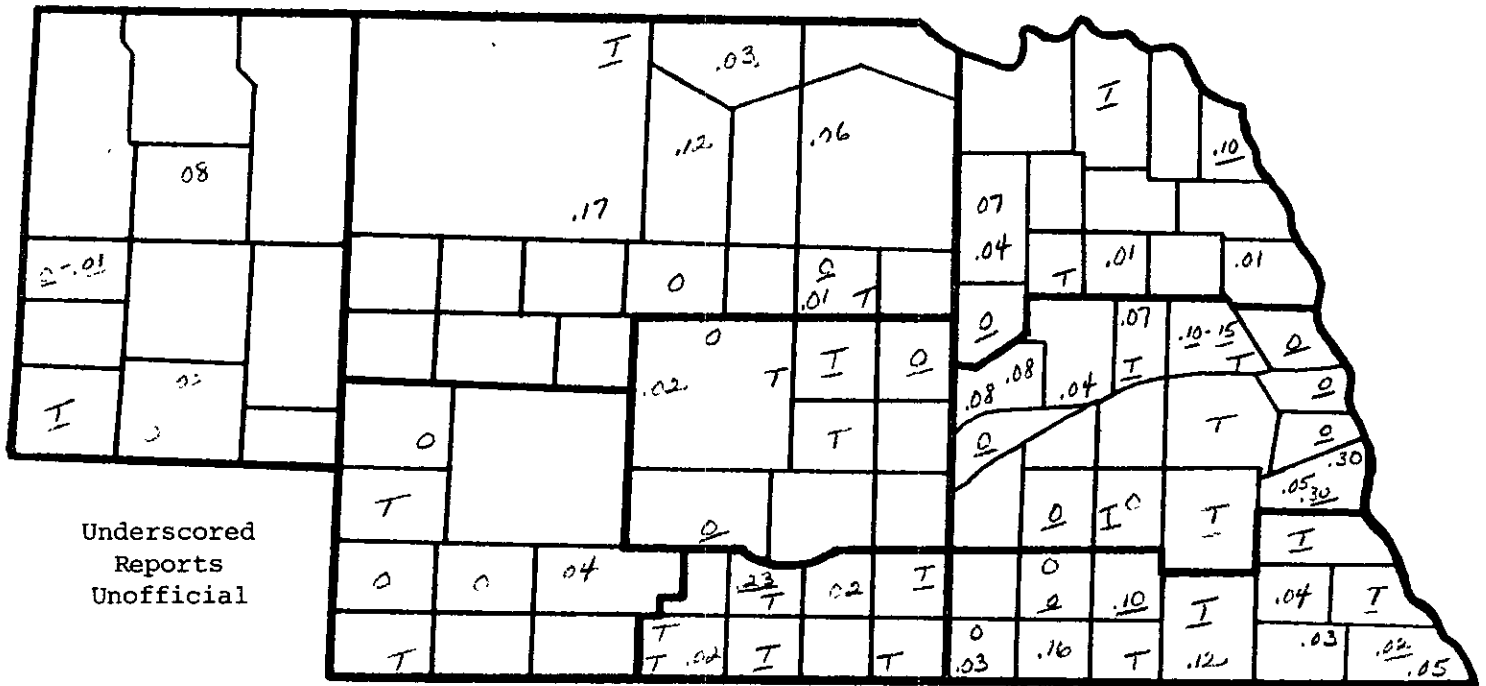
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1985 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1985

| Station | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|-----------------|
| | | Extremes | | Mean | Departure | Total Inches 1/ |
| | | Max | Min | | | |
| NW | Chadron | 25 | -21 | 1 | -- | .28 |
| | Scottsbluff | 34 | -20 | 5 | -27 | .30 |
| | Sidney | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| NC | Ord | 26 | -6 | 6 | -- | .01 |
| | Valentine | 26 | -18 | -6 | -35 | .24 |
| NE | Norfolk | 25 | -3 | 8 | -22 | .19 |
| | Sioux City | 26 | -3 | 9 | -21 | .11 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 30 | -3 | 11 | -21 | .14 |
| EC | Lincoln | 30 | 0 | 12 | -23 | .16 |
| | Omaha | 27 | -2 | 11 | -21 | .17 |
| SW | Imperial | 33 | 2 | 12 | -- | -- |
| | North Platte | 26 | -8 | 7 | -23 | .35 |

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.